

**UNITED FARMERS OF CANADA  
SASKATCHEWAN SECTION  
LIMITED**



**OFFICIAL RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS**

**As Passed by the Fourth Annual Convention, Saskatoon  
February 25-28 Inclusive**

*NOTE.—This does not include resolutions which were defeated.*

**1.**—That the incoming directors—those who will take office following this Convention—be given the full privilege of the Convention, that means the right to vote and discuss, that they will have the same privilege as a delegate.

**No. 2.**—That our Secretary be instructed to express to Mr. Partridge our appreciation for his message, to express to him our sympathy for him in his illness, and to send to him our best wishes for his recovery; and

That we authorize and request the editor of The Western Producer to publish Mr. Partridge's address verbatim.

**No. 3.**—That this Convention of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section, is in favor of an amendment to the Municipal Act which will enable the ratepayers to fix their own areas for the employment of Municipal Doctors.

**No. 4.**—That we recommend a thorough medical survey with a view to the extension of the use of Municipal Hospital and Municipal Doctor by the people and looking towards the institution of a clinic or clinics as a public utility or utilities. The investigation to report on the advisability of operative or consultative clinics or both.

**No. 5.**—That the Municipal Act be amended so that the following is added: "That we ask the Government to allow the municipalities to have a municipal doctor to make a special flat rate on each quarter section, in addition to tax rate, to pay for the use of a doctor.

**No. 6.**—That we recommend to the Convention that we continue our Educational Campaign in favor of 100% control of the marketing of our primary products.

**No. 7.**—That in the event of the resolution re 100% marketing control being carried, we instruct our Board to discontinue any educational campaign until committees appointed have had sufficient time to work out details, or fail to reach a decision, and report to their respective boards, and that a time limit of sixty days be set.

No. 8.—Whereas it is expedient that the producers should be able to at all times express their opinion on and obtain, if they so desire, 100% co-operative commodity marketing control of all or any primary product;

Therefore be it resolved that we instruct our Board of Directors to stand ready to work in conjunction with the Wheat Pool Board of Directors or the directors of any other Pool in requesting that there be placed on the Statute Books of Saskatchewan an Act known as the Primary Products Act whereby the growers of any commodity may obtain control of the marketing of all that commodity grown in the Province.

Be it further resolved that the details of this question be dealt with by a committee appointed from and by the Boards of the United Farmers of Canada and Commodity Pool concerned, if any.

No. 9.—Whereas the present system of banking is unsatisfactory in relation to credit and the use of capital;

Therefore be it resolved that this Convention request the Directors of the U.F.C. to take necessary steps to secure and spread all available information on Co-operative Banking, Currency and Credit System.

No. 10.—That this Convention of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section, is in favor of the Department of Economics of the University of Saskatchewan, or such other Body as the Board may select, establishing an inquiry into the annual crop losses from natural causes with a view to the establishment of some form of Province-wide Crop Insurance, if such be found economically sound and practical.

No. 11.—That we send a message of sympathy and wishes for speedy recovery to Mr. Woodsworth, Labor Member of Parliament at Winnipeg, and of appreciation for the services rendered in both farm and labor.

No. 12.—That the Executive of this organization work in a closer co-ordination with the Executive of the Trades and Labor Council and other organizations in this Dominion.

No. 13.—Resolved that in the opinion of this Convention the farmers should set up an organization outside of the United Farmers of Canada for the purpose of more directly selecting and electing representatives to the Legislature and the House of Commons pledged (to support the demands of organized agriculture.)

No. 14.—Whereas it is imperative that the young people join our organization; and

Whereas our Junior Lodges are at present ineffective through lack of cohesion, leadership and objective;

Therefore be it resolved that we authorize our Board of Directors to organize a Junior U.F.C., and formulate a constitution to govern it.

It being agreed that the plan of organization shall include the following policies: That Junior Lodges be formed and a ritual be supplied to same along the line of U.F.C. ritual, but simplified to meet the requirements of Juniors.

That whenever a Junior Lodge is formed a Committee of the Senior Lodge be appointed to supervise the activities of the Junior U.F.C.

That all children in rural districts from the ages of eight to twenty-one inclusive be eligible for membership.

That to enable the country school-house to be utilized as a centre of organization activities the country school teachers and others interested in Junior work be allowed to participate although they may not be eligible for membership in the U.F.C.

That a Junior U.F.C. Assembly be held once a year at the University of Saskatchewan, where a Junior President, Vice-President and Junior Executive of five be elected.

That the general office shall arrange and control all activities of the Junior Lodges and Junior Assembly, and that the President or Vice-President, or Presi-

dent of the Women's Section, or such other member of the Board as may be appointed be present at all meetings of the Junior Assembly; and

That only such activities be undertaken as meet with the approval of the U.F.C. Executive.

Nothing in this resolution contemplates any change in the U.F.C. constitution as to bona fide farmer membership in the U.F.C.

No. 15.—That it be understood that the alternate director be one of the District Executive by virtue of his office.

No. 16.—That we call upon the Central Executive to re-draft the U.F.C. Constitution to the end that only bona fide farmers and farm women shall be admissible to membership.

No. 17.—That the Constitution be so amended that Article XIII. Section 1 (c) will read "that the time be extended from thirty days to sixty days."

No. 18.—That a Constitutional Amendment be drafted whereby when any director is ill or unable to attend a Board Meeting or to his duties as director that the alternate director be constitutionally able to take his place.

No. 19.—That the Constitution be so amended as to provide that the alternate director be a member of the Executive by virtue of his office, but his inclusion shall not enlarge the number of Executive members.

No. 20.—That the District Director be a member of the District Executive but not necessarily Chairman.

No. 21.—That any member of the family actually residing on a cultivated farm or ranch be eligible for membership.

No. 22.—That we recommend that the portion of the Constitution which provides for fifty cents per member being paid to the District Executive be revoked for the present year.

No. 23.—Be it resolved that when a member is in arrears two years he will be notified by Central Office and if he fails to pay his membership dues within the two following years and is in arrears at the end of the fourth year his membership will be cancelled.

No. 24.—That only resolutions and constitutional amendments passed by the District Conventions, Farm Woman's Week and Board of Directors come before the Annual Convention unless by a vote of two-thirds of the Convention it is agreed that any other resolution should be considered.

No. 25.—That the Official Guardian be paid a salary by the Provincial Government with no levy on the estate.

No. 26.—Resolved that we ask that legal work in connection with the Administration of Estates, the work of the Official Guardian, and the legal position of married women be continued until something definite is accomplished.

No. 27.—Whereas we believe that the intelligent use of contraceptives is one of the most important steps towards solving the economic problems of the farmers and other working classes, and

Whereas we believe that Birth Control is the only humanitarian way of preventing a mother from being over-burdened and broken in health with too numerous progeny; and

Whereas we know that in countries where Birth Control is legalized are

found the healthiest, happiest and most normal people on the earth; and

Whereas we believe that Birth Control is destined to play the most effective part in erasing two of the biggest blots on modern civilization in all countries, namely maternal and infant mortality;

Therefore be it resolved that the U.F.C., in convention assembled, do forthwith advise our Government to raise the ban on safe, sane and hygienic contraceptives; and

Be it also resolved that we advise that there be immediately made provision for training of all practising physicians in the application of such contraceptives; and

Be it further resolved that we advise that Clinics be added to all hospitals far and wide for the purpose of dissemination of such contraceptive methods as are found most suitable for each case.

No. 28.—That we are opposed to assisted or solicited immigration from any source.

No. 29.—Whereas the present immigration policy of bringing boys from the Old Country and placing them on farms in the Dominion; and

Whereas said immigration policy has made provision so as to be able to loan a sum of \$2,500.00 on approval to such of these boys when they become twenty-one; the Government of this country has made no such provision to help boys born in Canada whose parents have helped to open up this country and have undergone pioneering hardships;

Therefore be it resolved that we go on record as favoring a change in the immigration policy and that these privileges that are now offered to Old Country boys be offered to Canadian boys instead.

No. 30.—Be it resolved that we re-affirm our resolution of the previous year as to inherent provincial ownership from 1870. That we again affirm our adherence to the advisability of having this question referred without delay to the Privy Council to get a clear-cut pronouncement on the legal principles involved; which method must ultimately be adopted to make possible an adequate and just solution of this complicated question. That to whatever extent the method of conference and bargain is adopted by our Province, we re-affirm our adherence to basis of a full accounting by the Dominion for all lands alienated or privileges granted by infringements of our Provincial rights in the Saskatchewan Act of 1925;

That we urge the necessity of importance of fully canvassing the new basis and its far-reaching implications of an economic nature and deprecate emphatically and tendency towards a hasty solution; and

That we urge the necessity of asserting to its fullest measure our provincial sovereignty under the B.N.A. Act as indicated by such constitutional views as have been advanced on this question since 1919;

And further, that we ask the Provincial Government to refrain from having any agreement with the Federal Government ratified by the Legislature until a final decision of the Supreme Court of Canada or the Privy Council has settled for all time the question of our inherent rights from 1870 to 1905 and from 1905 till the present.

And further be it resolved that our Board of Directors, or Executive, be asked to refuse to endorse any settlement until such has been agreed to by Bram Thompson, K.C., and Norman McLeod, and that in any case no settlement be finally ratified by the Legislature of Saskatchewan until the decision of the Privy Council.

No. 31.—That we recommend to the Saskatchewan Government that they employ Mr. Bram Thompson, K.C., Solicitor, in an advisory capacity with regard to our Natural Resources and that a suitable honorarium be paid to him for past services by the Saskatchewan Government.

**No. 32.**—That a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Norman McLeod for services rendered re question of Natural Resources.

**No. 33.**—Whereas the Convention railway rate in Canada prior to the war was single return fare, which rate was increased as a war measure to fare and one-half and this last rate is still in force;

And whereas this high railway rate prevents many districts from sending representatives to our Annual Convention which is a great educational factor in the life of the Province, and every possible encouragement should be given to have every district represented at this Convention;

And whereas the restoration of the single return fare would result in a greatly increased attendance, thereby benefitting both the railroads, the general public and our Association;

Be it resolved that we hereby request the railways to grant single return fare privileges to any convention having at least three hundred registered delegates in attendance, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Presidents of the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Board of Railway Commissioners, and the Minister of Railways for Canada.

**No. 34.**—Moved a resolution of confidence and appreciation for the services rendered to the farmers by Mr. Aaron Sapiro.

**No. 35.**—That we recommend that the services of Mr. Aaron Sapiro be secured to serve in an advisory capacity both the Board of Directors of the U.F.C. and the Wheat Pool delegates in Convention.

**No. 36.**—That a vote of appreciation be transmitted by wire to the three Provincial Governments for their quick action in passing legislation whereby the Governments guarantee certain amounts to the banks for or on behalf of the pools.

**No. 37.**—Whereas the bringing of mentally defective children into the world is a detriment to the State; and

Whereas almost all children from mentally defective parents are also defective;

Therefore be it resolved that we request our Government to pass legislation providing for the sterilization of the mentally deficient.

Be it further resolved that a committee on which Organized Farmers and Labor will be represented, be appointed by the Government to be the judges after thorough investigation as to who shall be considered mental defectives within the meaning of this resolution.

**No. 38.**—Whereas transmittable diseases and defects are increasing at an alarming rate with each generation; and whereas no eugenic measures have hitherto been adopted in our Province to decrease or prevent such degeneration; and whereas this is now a grave danger to the present generation and a crime against the generations unborn;

Therefore be it resolved that we, members of the U.F.C. in convention assembled, strongly urge that no couple be granted a marriage license unless both parties produce certificates of health including mental and physical soundness, and signed by a competent physician and that twelve days' notice of marriage be given.

**No. 39.**—Resolved that this Lodge deplores the fact that the serum for Infantile Paralysis is not obtainable in Saskatchewan, as demonstrated in a case in our own district where the serum had to be obtained from Winnipeg.

Therefore we urge upon Central to press upon the Saskatchewan Government to have the serum in the Province where it can be quickly and easily obtained.

**No. 40.**—Resolved that we are in favor of the Gas Tax regulations being so amended as to make provision for the refund of the entire amount of the tax on gas used for agricultural purposes.

**No. 41.**—Whereas the idea of co-operation is engaging the minds of millions of people; and

Whereas we believe world-wide co-operation to be the only remedy for the existing social, economic and political condition under which we suffer; and

Whereas we are convinced that co-operation is going to be the most powerful factor in the administration of human affairs in the future; and

Whereas the children of today are the administrators of tomorrow;

Be it therefore resolved that we call upon our Board of Directors to press upon the Government of Saskatchewan for legislation providing for the inclusion of the subject of "Principles of Co-operation" in the curriculum of Public Schools.

**No. 42.**—Whereas it is very difficult at the present for pupils in rural schools to acquire advanced grades in education, and are, therefore, forced to attend schools at a distance or to town high schools; and

Whereas the expenses thus occasioned are working a hardship upon the parents of these pupils;

Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Education be requested to issue a grant to cover all of the High School fees of Rural Scholars attending advanced schools.

**No. 43.**—We should like to see sufficient funds apportioned for this important work which intimately bears on the welfare and happiness of every individual—man, woman or child in the Province—to provide and conduct a well-organized and far-reaching Home Economics Extension Department sufficiently staffed and equipped to do research work along lines of water supply, home engineering, home equipment and child care; to render efficient service by way of lectures, demonstrations and such field work as may be deemed necessary, and to carry on propaganda and educational work calculated to arouse popular interest in this important branch of life.

That the work of Home Economics in the Department of Education be under the supervision of a fully trained Home Economics Expert.

**No. 44.**—That we have a fixed date for elections established by law, and in the event of a Government being defeated on a straight vote of non-confidence and an election becoming necessary, then sixty days' notice shall be given before the date of the next election.

**No. 45.**—Whereas the membership of this organization is far from satisfied with the operations of the Farm Loan Board, in that sums available for loans on farm property are not at all sufficient to cover the demand; and

Whereas we are of the opinion that there are sufficient farmers looking for loans, or for the transference of their loan from a mortgage company to Farm Loan Board; and

Whereas in our opinion the Government can borrow safely on the security of these loans sums large enough to cover all applications that conform to the regulations of the Board;

Therefore be it resolved that we request our Executive to immediately approach the Government with a view to having larger sums than so far approved by the legislature voted at their first session; and

If the Provincial Government can not or will not grant substantial increases of the amounts available that they be asked to pass enabling legislation to bring in the Federal Farm Loan Scheme in Saskatchewan.

**No. 46.**—Whereas for the reasons that there are five camps for the farm boys of the Province and there is only the Farm Girls' Convention at the University, and that at the time the Public Schools are in session;

Therefore be it resolved that we ask the Extension Department that camps

be provided with suitable chaperones at our Saskatoon and Regina Exhibitions, and judging competitions be given in subjects of Home Economics.

**No. 47.**—Whereas market manipulators, grain speculators and the grain trade in general persistently claim that the law of supply and demand controls the price the farmer receives for his grain; and

Whereas the flooding of the market with fictitious grain (that is grain that does not exist) must nullify said law of supply and demand;

Therefore be it resolved that we condemn the present system of dealing in future and instruct the Board to appoint a committee to work jointly with the Wheat Pool to provide amendments to the Criminal Code which will prevent the present practice of option trading.

**No. 48.**—That this Convention will reply to Mr. Milton Campbell and assure him of our appreciation and support in anything that he might do to further our interests.

**No. 49.**—Resolved that the term "illegitimate" be taken from the innocent child born out of wedlock.

**No. 50.**—Whereas under modern farming conditions a motor truck is a necessary and essential part of the general farm equipment; and

Whereas by means of rural municipal taxation, farm truck owners contribute their due proportion to the building and upkeep of public roads and highways

Any license fee, other than a nominal registration fee, charged to farm truck owners, is an unwarranted tax on production, a penalty against advance methods and efficiency in farming operations and should be abolished.

**No. 51.**—Whereas the present system of rural telephone construction and support by taxation is unjust to the great majority of farmers;

That we ask Central to take steps to have the Government take over and organize the present rural telephone systems, equalize and lower the rates.

**No. 52.**—Resolved that this Convention go on record as being in favor of having Hail Insurance protection extended to October 15th instead of September 15th as at present.

**No. 53.**—Whereas there are many accidents to children coming and going from school grounds on our highways, owing to reckless driving of motorists;

Therefore be it resolved that we ask the Government to place signs at every school; and

Further be it resolved that we ask the Government to stipulate a safe speed limit between said signs.

**No. 54.**—Whereas the estimate given out by the Department of Labor states that the average family of five must have \$1,719.23 in order to maintain the health and decency level; and

Whereas the Mother's Allowance as meted out to widowed mothers, or mothers without adequate support is altogether insufficient to insure a health and decency standard to which every human being should be entitled;

Therefore be it resolved that we strongly urge upon our Government to increase the Mother's Allowance so that every widowed mother or mother without adequate support who applies for the Mother's Allowance may live on the health and decency level.

**No. 55.**—Whereas we feel that since the formation of the Wheat Pool that the end of the municipal year should be changed;

Therefore be it resolved that we petition the Government to change the end of the municipal financial year until March 31st and abolish the 8% penalty

and the rate of interest on overdue taxes not to exceed the rate of 8% per annum.

No. 56.—That our Executive be empowered to take all steps necessary to safeguard the interests of any member of our organization so that any creditor cannot take any undue advantage of the situation and press for payment.

No. 57.—That Mr. Ferguson be appointed as auditor for the coming year

No. 58.—That all interest paid on Soldiers' Settlement Board loans be credited as payments of principal and that no interest be charged in the future.

No. 59.—Whereas the Treaty between the United Kingdom and the Dominion, known as the B.N.A. Act, provides that the nationality of a married woman shall be that of her husband, thereby disfranchising those of British nationality who marry foreigners;

Therefore be it resolved that we, the United Farm Women, request the Federal Government to take steps to have the British North America Act amended to allow personal naturalization of married women.

No. 60.—Whereas the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section, is only presently constituted as a provincial organization, and its powers are only provincial; and whereas provincially incorporated it has not the power to deal with national problems;

Therefore be it resolved that this Convention ask the Board of Directors to take immediate steps to incorporate a national organization, known as the United Farmers of Canada, which shall consist of provincial sections similarly constituted.

No. 61.—That Article 6, Section 8, be amended to read as follows: "The office of a President, Vice-President or a Director shall *ipso facto* be vacated.

No. 62.—Whereas in the matter of Power this organization has always stood for public ownership; and

Whereas both the late government and this present government have pledged themselves to this principle, and, further, a power commission has been established for the purpose of giving effect to the principle;

And whereas, notwithstanding the foregoing policy private interests have made large encroachments during the last two years and are continuing to do so at this time; and

Whereas we view with alarm the present Power situation;

Therefore we emphatically protest against any further encroachments of private interests, and do hereby earnestly petition the Government to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure a clear field for the development of public ownership of power.

No. 63.—Be it resolved that we express our approval of the policy of British Preference and pledge ourselves to support the resolution which Mr. W. R. Fansher is introducing in the House of Commons this season and which resolution reads as follows:

Whereas Great Britain has for many years been Canada's best customer for agricultural products, particularly wheat and wheat products;

And whereas the tariffs of other countries are frequently manipulated detrimentally to the exporting of Canadian products particularly those of agriculture;

And whereas in international trade it is imperative for any country to buy as much as possible from the country to which she sells, thereby reducing transportation costs to the minimum;

And whereas for the general good of Canada, we deem it advisable to foster trade with the Mother Country to the fullest extent, thus keeping trade within



the Empire;

Therefore be it resolved that in the opinion of this House that every handicap placed on the free operation of the British Preference as contained in our draft schedule be removed; and

Further, that the time has come when the British Preference should be progressively increased so as to have free trade with the Mother Country within a period of five years.

No. 64.—That a protest be sent to the STAR-PHOENIX as follows:

"We, the delegates of the U.F.C. in Convention assembled, ask the Star-Phoenix for a denial or an apology regarding a statement published in Friday's issue which read 'Proposed to Terminate Short Selling Placed Before Convention by Brouillette,' as such statement is unfair and untrue to Mr. Brouillette and also misleading to the public.

We further demand that equal prominence be given to this denial as was given to the above-mentioned statement."

No. 65.—That we ask the U.F.C. Board of Directors to co-operate with the U.F. of B.C. and C.N.R. to promote Farmers' Excursion into the Province of B.C. next summer.

No. 66.—That the government set up a commission on which the United Farmers of Canada would be represented to inquire into the best method of marketing the dairy products of the Province, so as to insure to the producers all the proceeds from his commodity, less the cost of marketing, and bring in recommendations along those lines.

And further be it resolved that our incoming Board be instructed to take whatever action they deem advisable with regard to the reorganization of the Co-operative Creameries.

No. 67.—That whereas under the Kellogg Pact, we, with the other nations of the world, have renounced war as an instrument of National Policy; and

Whereas if we are to have peace we must organize for peace; and

Whereas last year's estimates provide \$20,000,000 for the military department of National Defence;

We urge that for every hundred dollars now devoted to preparations for possible war, one dollar should be given to establish a fund (\$200,000) to provide in each University in Canada a chair and Scholarships for the study and development of better international relationships.

No. 68.—Whereas both the Provincial and Federal Governments do grant Old Age Pensions to all persons at the age of 70 (being otherwise eligible); and

Whereas upon the death of a pensioner, his widow (if not 70) would be pensionless; and

Whereas we believe women at 60 to be deserving and less able to cope with adversities than men;

Therefore be it resolved that we strongly urge upon the governments to grant pension to women at 60 (if otherwise eligible) instead of 70 years.

No. 69.—This this Convention recommends to the Local Lodges that they, the Local-Lodges, revoke their claim on the remainder of the funds due them for 1930 from Central until such time as the Board of Directors agree that Central is in a position to pay same.

No. 70.—That we ask each delegate when they report this condition to their locals for their locals to do all they possibly can to put forward some plan to reduce that debit that stands at the bank; and

That a special notice be drawn up and sent to each Lodge.

No. 71.—That we recommend that the committees continue their investigation on Group Life Insurance.

No. 72.—That we favor the Wheat Pool entering the milling business on a commercial scale as soon as feasible.

No. 73.—That we are in favor of legislation being enacted to ensure that no returned soldier be evicted from his home under any circumstances; and

That we request our Provincial Government to enact legislation providing that in all municipalities farmers who, due to having their land sold for taxes in 1927, and who will on account of crop failure lose title to their land this year, be given an opportunity to save their homes by paying as soon as next crop is threshed;

And we instruct our Board of Directors to send out a copy of the Debt Adjustment Plan submitted to the Government by the Farmers' Union of Canada and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association in 1924 to all local lodges.

No. 74.—Resolved that we, the United Farmers of Canada in convention assembled, desire to impress upon the Provincial Government and Associated Rural Municipalities that it is necessary to immediately implement the necessary machinery whereby feed and seed shall be supplied to farmers in our Province where vouched for by our Locals and our Municipal Secretaries.

No. 75.—That the balance of the resolutions be turned over to the Board of Directors to deal with.

No. 76.—That a very hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Chairman and Assistant Chairman for the very able way in which they have carried on this Convention.



